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Ca. 1830

Swope House

Thurmont vicinity, Maryland

Private

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Agricultural-Industrial Transition 1815-1870
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning
Agriculture

Resource Type:
Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Mountains

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/outhouse, storage shed
Agriculture/Subsistence/agricultural outbuilding/bank barn

Known Design Source: None

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. F-6-55

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Swope House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Stottlemyer Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Sabillasville ☒ vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Clifford D. & Pearl Willard

street & number 4901-B Foxville Road telephone no.:

city, town Sabillasville state and zip code Md. 21780

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1476

street & number 100 West Patrick Street folio 115

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent

☐ good

☐ fair

☒ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Atlas of Frederick County, Maryland, C.O. Titus and Co., Philadelphia, 1873.Map of Frederick County, Maryland, Isaac Bond, Baltimore, 1858

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 52 acresQuadrangle name Blue Ridge Summit, MDQuadrangle scale 1:24000UTM References do NOT complete UTM referencesA

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Zone Easting NorthingC

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Tax Map 18
Parcel 31

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mary Kendall Shipe, Historic Sites Surveyororganization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept date May, 1991street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958city or town Frederick state Md. 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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7.1 Description

The Swope House is a 2 story, fieldstone building located on Stottlemeyer Road in the vicinity of Thurmont, Maryland. The principal facade, facing east, contains 3 bays. A bank barn, a small shed and an outhouse, located to the west of the house, also contribute to the property.

The building has a side gable roofline of standing seam metal on which two interior end brick chimneys rest. Fenestration throughout contains simple wood surrounds and heavy wooden sills. The stone material is uncoursed and rubbed. The symmetrical east facade consists of side door placement and 6/6 light windows on the first floor and 2/2 light windows on the second floor. Remnants of an one story frame porch exist on the facade. The west elevation is also symmetrical with 6/6 lights on the second floor and louvred shutters covering the first floor window. A raised panel door has side placement parallel to the east facade. This elevation also has remnants of a one story frame porch with an enclosed section at the last bay to the south. The south elevation contains symmetrical 6/6 light windows on both floors and a cellar door entry at ground level. The north elevation has no openings except for two slit ventilators in the gable end, more commonly seen in stone barns.

Other elements of the complex include a stone chimney located several feet from the house to the north. A bank barn with a stone foundation is vertical sided and has a standing seam metal roof. A small shed and an outhouse are also of frame construction.

8.1 Significance

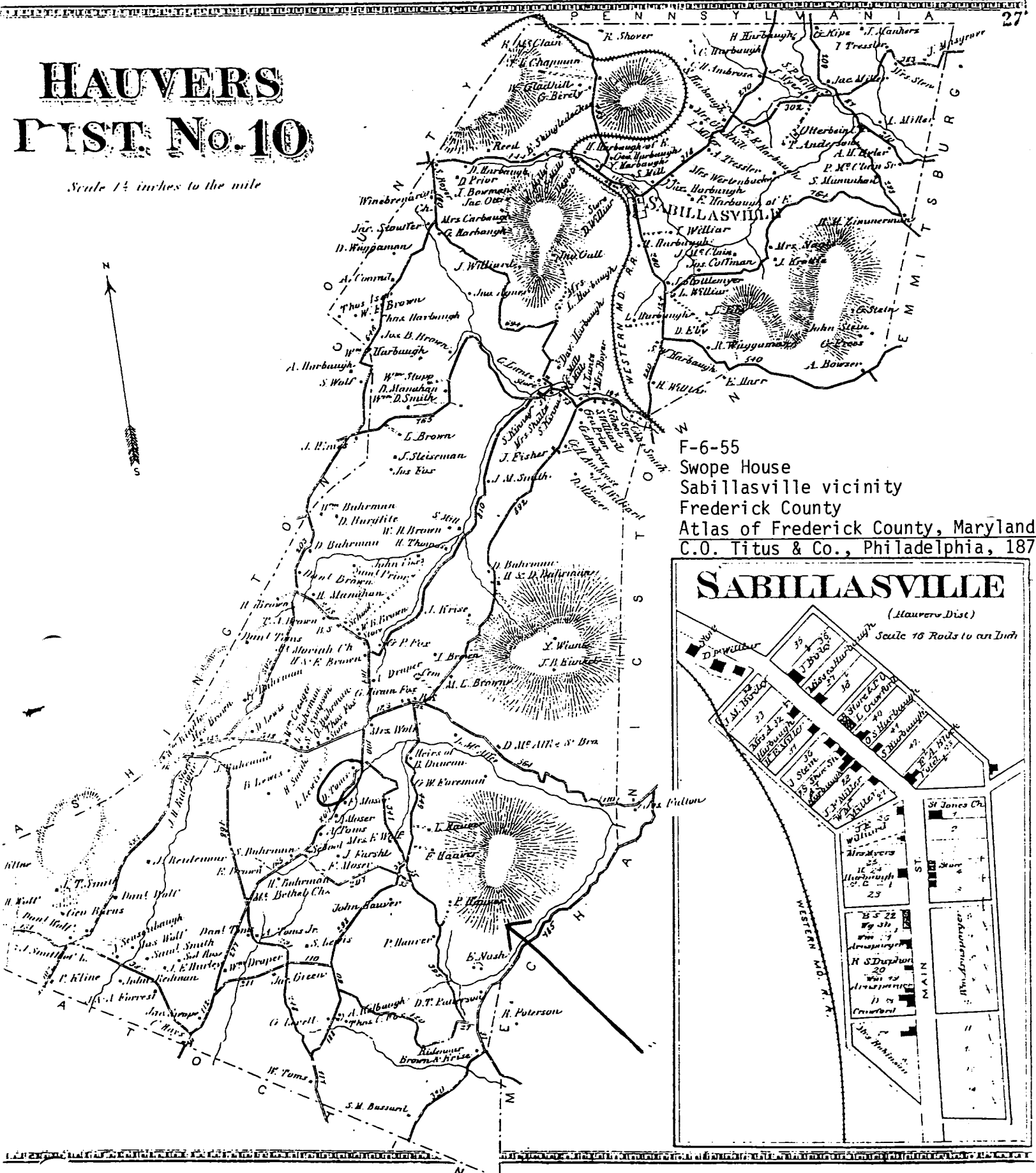
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Compared to other stone houses in its vicinity, it appears to be a rare survivor in an area where stone construction was less prevalent than log. Further east in Frederick County in the Creagerstown Election District, numerous stone dwellings are still extant and contain higher levels of integrity. Given the location of the Swope House in this region (Hauver's Election District), the building rates a high level of significance in its historic context.

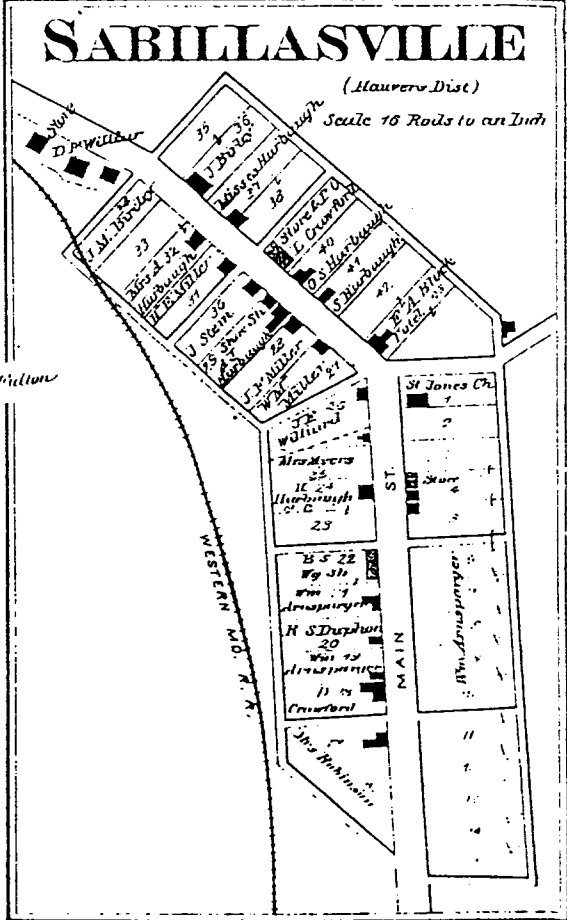
The Swope House was probably constructed by 1830. Judging from its construction techniques and its probable interior plan, it was possibly associated with German building traditions; particularly as the Hauver's Election District was largely settled by Germans and Swiss. By 1858, the property was owned by Mrs. M. Swope; in 1873, D. Toms resided there.

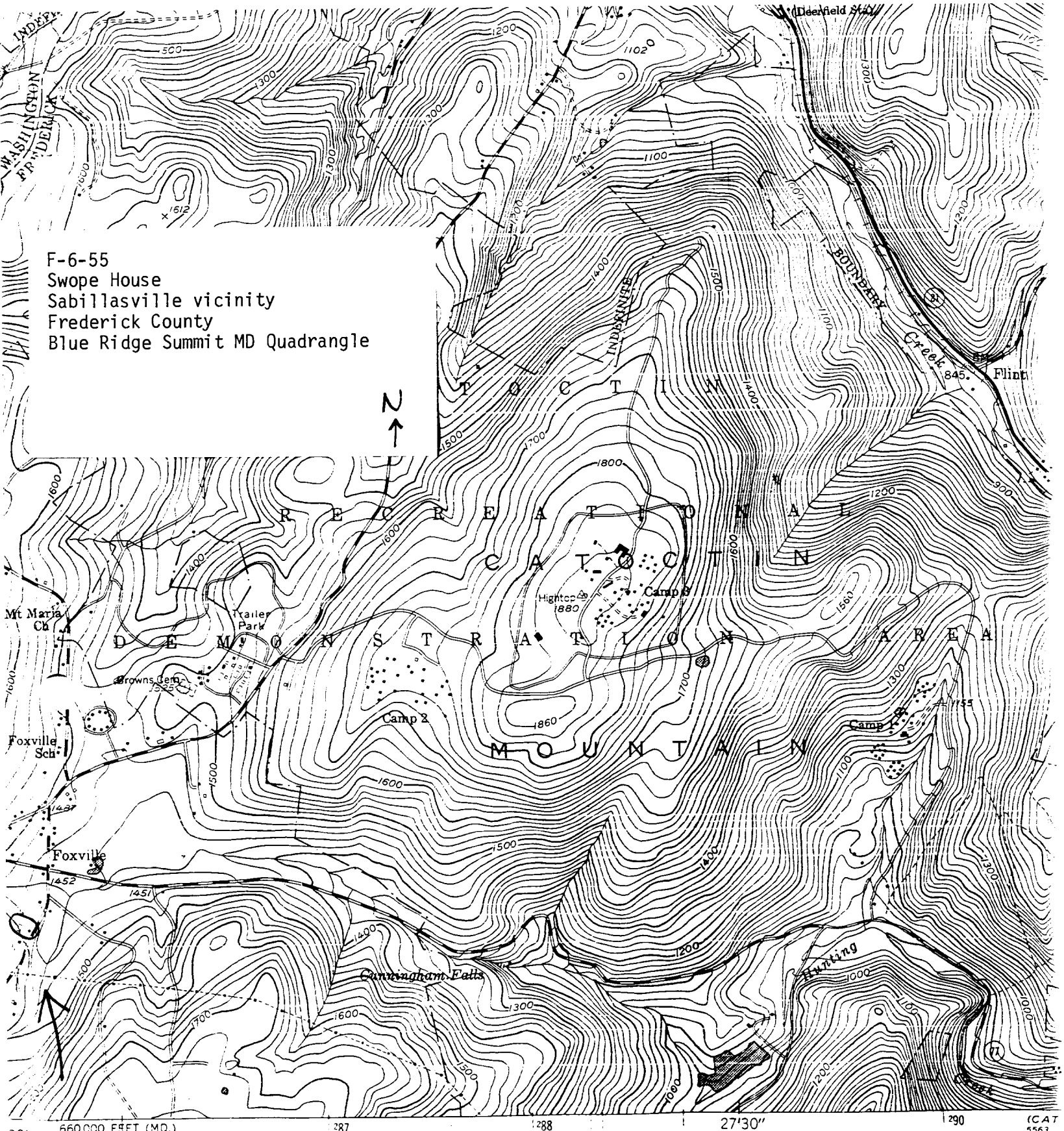
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Scale 1 1/2 inches to the mile



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Blue Ridge Summit MD Quadrangle



30' 660 000 FEET (MD) 287 27'30" 1290 (CAT 5563)

Maped by the Army Map Service
Edited and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and USC&GS
Topog from aerial photographs by stereophotogrammetric methods. Aerial photographs taken 1943. Field check 1944
Culture revised by the Geological Survey 1953
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10 000-foot grids based on Maryland coordinate system, and Pennsylvania coordinate system, south zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 18, shown in blue

8" 142 MILS 1"33' 28 MILS

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CONTROL DATUM

UTM GRID AND 1971 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHY



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East elevation

1/3



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West elevation

2/3



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Barn - looking west